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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

MARTIN PRUSCHY

APPLICATION NO: 10/549,978

FILED: MARCH 12, 2004

FOR: TREATMENT OF PROLIFERATIVE DISEASES WITH EPOTHILONE  
DERIVATIVES AND RADIATION

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

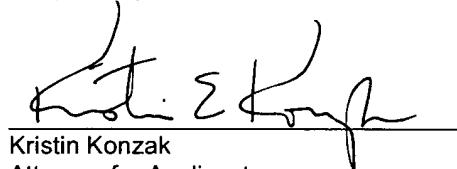
The Office Action of May 8, 2006 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on July 8, 2006. A five-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$2160 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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